

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED AT THE SESSION

WHICH COMMENCED ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON
THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 28, 1820.

AUGUSTA:

I. BERRY & CO.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1834.

Chapter 50.

Resolve in favor of Charles L. Eustis.

Approved March 8, 1834.

Resolved, That there be paid out of the State Treasury to Charles L. Eustis, the sum of Twenty One Dollars and Forty Two Cents in full for money paid by him for the redemption of the North half of Township No. Two, fourth range in the county of Oxford, the same having been improperly taxed, sold at Auction for the payment of the same, and the money paid into the Treasury of the State.

Chapter 51.

Resolve in favor of Peol Toma.

Approved March 8, 1834.

Resolved, That the Indian Agent for the Penobscot Tribe be, and he is hereby directed to pay to Peol Toma, the sum of Five Dollars per month to commence from the first day of March eighteen hundred and thirty four and to continue during life ; to be paid on the first day of each month, beginning the first day of April eighteen hundred and thirty four and that the same be included in his account of expenditures on account of the Penobscot Tribe.

Chapter 52.

Resolve in favor of Jabez Bradbury.

Approved March 8, 1834.

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State to Jabez Bradbury, One Hundred and Thirty One Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents, being in full for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Four Dollars and Fifty Cents with interest thereon, from January first in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three—which sum was expended by him as Agent of the

Mattanawcook Road beyond the sum of Five Thousand Dollars already appropriated therefor, and the Governor with advice and consent of Council, is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the same.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 26, 1834.

The Joint Standing Committee, to which was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the establishment of an Insane Hospital, have duly considered the subject, and ask leave to Report :

That it is now four years since the attention of the Legislature was invited to the consideration of this topic by the Governor of the State in his annual message ; which invitation is again repeated by the present chief magistrate, in a manner to claim the most respectful notice. These reiterated calls from the highest functionary of our government have been seconded by petitions from numerous respectable citizens in different parts of the State, and also by many communications from gentlemen of high standing, addressed to the Chairman of this, and of a former Committee, all urging the propriety and importance of adopting such measures as shall prepare the way to the permanent establishment of an Insane Hospital, which, it is urged, the present state of society, and the deplorable condition of a large number of our fellow beings, within this State, most imperiously demand.

From a consideration of these facts, together with such as are within the personal knowledge of your Committee, it is very apparent, that there is a deep feeling excited, and widely diffused among the benevolent and humane, in behalf of those unfortunate beings, who are necessarily excluded from the pale of social life and enjoyment, in consequence of a deprivation of their reasoning faculties.

Such appeals from so many sources, ought not, and indeed *cannot* be disregarded by a legislative body, whose pride it is to extend and cherish every benevolent object presented to them, when within the range of their constitutional powers. It would be derogatory to the character of the legislators of a State, abounding as this does in a profusion of means to dispense every desired blessing to the unfortunate, not to respond to the tone of public sentiment in a matter involving the deepest sympathy for a class of human beings, whose situation is known and acknowledged by all, to be so indescribably wretched.

It is not surprising that public sentiment should at this period of time, invite legislative action upon a subject of such magnitude and importance ; but it is *more* wonderful that a feeling so